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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GDR COMMENTS ON EGYPTIAN COTTON EMBARGO TO BLOC

REF: (A) CAIRO 13655 (NOTAL), (B) CAIRO 13656 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO GDR ECONOFF IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF
AUGUST 31, EAST GERMAN EMBASSY IS CLOSELY FOLLOWING REPORT
OF EGYPTIAN EMBARGO OF COTTON EXPORTS TO USSR AND
CZECHOSLOVAKIA. PRESS REPORTS STATE COTTON SHIPMENTS TO
EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITH HARD CURRENCY AGREEMENTS
WILL CONTINUE, AND GDR EMBOFF NOTED EAST GERMANY STILL HAS
CLEARING ACCOUNT AGREEMENT WITH GOE, NOT HARD CURRENCY
ARRANGEMENT. HIS EMBASSY, THEREFORE, WAITING TO SEE IF
OTHER SHOE WILL DROP AND COTTON EXPORTS TO GDR CUT OFF AS
WELL. GDR OFFICIAL HASTENED TO ADD THAT HIS EMBASSY HAS NOT
HEARD ANYTHING ON SUBJECT FROM EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT.

2. RUSSIANS, ACCORDING TO GDR EMBOFF, HAVE NOT COMMENTED
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OFFICIALLY TO THEM ON COTTON EMBARGO. SOVIETS HAVE INDICATED
INFORMALLY, HOWEVER, THAT THEY ARE NOT PLANNING TO TAKE ANY
RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST GOE, SUCH AS CANCELLATION OF
COKING COAL SHIPMENTS. GDR ECONOFF THEORIZED THAT RUSSIANS
BELIEVE ANY RETALIATORY ACTION WOULD ONLY PROVIDE GOE WITH
EXCUSE FURTHER TO INHIBIT RELATIONS. BY SHRUGGING OFF
COTTON EMBARGO, SOVIETS MAY HOPE TO MAKE SADAT REGIME APPEAR

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